

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, September 6, 2016

A meeting of the Rockport Board of Selectmen was held at 6pm on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 in Conference Room A in Town Hall. Present were five selectpersons, the Town Administrator and the Asst. Town Administrator, Selectperson Wilkinson was not present; Selectperson Sheedy was late.

6:00 Meeting Called to Order

Executive Session – MGL Ch. 30A §21(a)3 Strategy Relative to Collective Bargaining (AFSCME Supervisors, AFSCME General Unit MCoP Local 154, and MCoP Local 154A):

Executive Session
Motion Approved

Executive Session: Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a)3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the AFSCME Supervisors Unit, AFSCME General Unit, MCoP Local 154, and MCoP Local 154A, Selectperson Campbell seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Chairman Murphy: “We are entering executive session because, by not doing so, it would be detrimental to the Town’s bargaining position. The Board will reconvene in Open Session.”

7:00 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Public Comment Period:

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Period

- L. Hale spoke on the plowing of private roads; he said he was present at a prior meeting when it was on the agenda. He was told that it would be postponed to a subsequent meeting. Chairman Murphy said we will check with Selectperson Wilkinson as she has been working on this.
- T. Arsenian, 95 Granite St., said he wanted to comment on the Sandy Bay Yacht Club license, and the use of 5 resident parking spaces on T-Wharf. He said he is not in favor of private use over public use. He spoke on the warrant review, Article L and the possible petition at the end for the Planning Board on aircraft landings.
- 192 South Street, Charles Parisi, spoke about parking at Sandpiper Park. Earlier in the month the DPW were there, and parking spots are being discussed. They suggested he speak to the Parking Committee, he never heard back. All of a sudden a parking lot and porta pottys are going in, the vegetation is being pulled out. He thought the Conservation Commission would keep it simple. He is not in favor of this across the street from his house. He was directed to speak to the DPW Commissioners. Selectman Campbell said everything is speculation at this point. The Town Administrator said this was Selectperson Wilkinson’s idea, that instead of parallel parking; it was discussed making it perpendicular. They were talking about clearing the vegetation by about 1 foot; the neighbors say it’s closer to 8’. C. Parisi said this is being discussed at the Conservation Commission tonight.

R. Saccardo, South Street, abuts the Sandpiper site, said he wonders why there should be more parking in this area. Over 50 cars can park there now.

Chairman Murphy will contact Bruce Reed, DPW Chairman.

188 South Street questioned who is worried about the liability. He said there used to be angle parking there; there were accidents in the past.

T. Arsenian, 95 Granite St., said there is an Article on the CPC agenda for Town Meeting for \$15,000 for this park. There must be plans if this is going before the Town Meeting.

Preston Parker, 186 South Street, said there is a lot of traffic; parallel parking keeps the kids off the street. With angle parking, people are forced to be standing out in the street.

Judy Sperg, questioned why abutters aren't being notified about this.

Jim Bates, 192 South Street, at the Conservation Commission meeting he attended, they were ready to take a vote.

Approval of 8/23/16
Minutes
Motion Approved

Approval of Minutes of August 23, 2016: Selectperson Campbell moved that the Board approve the minutes of August 23, 2016, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Selectmen Updates
& Liaison Reports

Selectmen Updates and Liaison Reports: Selectperson Sheedy spoke about a Coast Sweet on 9/24 from 9am to noon; the Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers if anyone can contribute 1 or more hours of their time. Chairman Murphy extended congratulations to M. Vieira, Asst. Town Administrator, on his wedding this Saturday.

Town
Administrator's
Report

Town Administrator's Report: The Town Administrator spoke on the delay of the filming of a movie about lobstering; it has been changed from 9/8 to 10/8. She said she was asked at a prior meeting to put together a Press Release on helicopters, she sent an e-mail out to the Board, and never heard anything back. She sent a draft to Selectperson Wilkinson and hasn't heard back. She is looking for more input from the board on helicopters. Selectperson Campbell did respond to the Town Administrator's e-mail.

7:30 Action List

Action List:

Appointment of
Sandra Baker as
Rockport Constable
Motion Approved

- Appointment of Sandra Baker as a Rockport Constable: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Sandra Baker as a Civil Constable for the Town of Rockport for a three-year term to expire on September 6, 2019, Selectperson Battistelli seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Sandy Bay Yacht
Club License
Approval
Motion Approved

- Sandy Bay Yacht Club License Approval: Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Selectmen approve and sign a ten year license with Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Inc. for use of a portion of the Town-owned property at the end of T-Wharf, Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 4-0. R. Visnick was present at the meeting representing the Yacht

	<p>Club. T. Arsenian said he wants the rate to be a proper commercial rate, if it isn't he wants a statement why it isn't. R. Visnick said they give out scholarships and provide a sailing program; there are a lot of opportunities for children. He said the rates to be a member of the yacht club aren't traditional.</p>	Action List: con't
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Farmers Market Free Parking during Market Hours:</u> Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Selectmen approve free parking from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm for 10 spots to be used by vendors of the Rockport Farmers Market on Saturdays, beginning September 10th to October 15th, 2016 with the requirement that each vendor vehicle display a proper Rockport Exchange notice on their dashboards, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 4-0. 	<p>Farmers Market Free Parking During Market Hours Motion Approved</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Flag Drop Off Box Approval and Placement:</u> Selectperson Campbell moved that the Selectmen approve having a Flag Drop Off Box in Town and place it on the Scout Hall grounds at 47 Mt. Pleasant Street, Selectperson Battistelli seconded, Vote: 4-0. Selectmen Campbell said this will be part of an Eagle Scout Program. The mailbox that Selectmen Campbell thought he had secured had quite a bit of rot on it, so he's looking for another mailbox to be donated. It has to say "not for mail", it needs to say "flag disposal" on it; and the lock has to be changed. 	<p>Flag Drop Off Box Approval and Placement Motion Approved</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Winter Parking Ban Task Force Recommendations:</u> Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board approve the recommendation of the Winter Parking Ban Task Force which is that the winter parking ban shall take effect at least 24 hours prior to the first snow or ice storm of the season upon the discretion of the Chief of Police and the DPW Director acting jointly, but not earlier than November 15th. Once enacted, the ban shall remain in full force and effect until a declaration by the Police Chief and DPW Director or April 1, whichever comes first. And during the Winter Parking Ban, there is no overnight parking allowed on any town streets or roads between the hours of 12:00 am to 6:00 am, Selectperson Campbell seconded, Vote: 4-0. 	<p>Winter Parking Ban Task Force Recommendations Motion Approved</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Use of up to 5 Resident Parking Spaces on T-Wharf:</u> Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Selectmen approve the use of up to five resident parking spaces on T-Wharf from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on September 9th by the Van Wormer International production company for a movie to be filmed there, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 4-0. They make donations to the town and may not need all 5 spaces. They will not use more than what is needed. Chairman Murphy recommended getting in touch with Bill Lee, because the lobstermen will want to know. T. Arsenian, 95 Granite St., said this is an imposition to residents who pay taxes. 	<p>Use of up to 5 Resident Parking Spaces on T-Wharf Motion Approved</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Permission for use of T-Wharf for 9/11 Memorial Service:</u> Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to the Rockport Firemen's Association to hold its 9/11 Memorial Service on T-Wharf at 9:00am on Sunday, September 11th, Selectperson Battistelli seconded, Vote: 4-0. 	<p>Permission for use of T-Wharf for 9/11 Memorial Service Motion Approved</p>
8:00	<p><u>Selectmen Briefing</u> Rockport Public Schools – "Rockport Schools Give Back" Event Downtown in April, 2017: Greg Bach, Principal, and Amy Rose, High School Asst. Principal. It's called "A First Night for Education". There are many students who are talented but they don't get a forum to show their talents and the public doesn't get a sense of what is really going on in the schools. This would be an open event where people could walk around and enjoy the community collaboration. This will be an ongoing partnership</p>	<p>Selectmen Briefing Rockport Public Schools</p>

with the community. Ms. Rose is reaching out to the library, Shalin Liu, looking for ways to spread the word, maybe some advertising. This is a collaboration of Pre-K through 12 grades sharing all kinds of talent. It could be a Thursday night, where people could go to all the shops. They will come back before the Board when more details are available.

8:20 Discussion Items

Discussion Items:

Fall Town Meeting
Run Through with
Moderator and
Finance Committee

- FTM Run Through with Moderator & Finance Committee:
 - Article A: W. Hess and D. Campbell
 - Article B: W. Hess and D. Campbell
 - Article E.: D. Campbell
 - Article F: M. Sheedy
 - Article G: B. Reed, J. Michaels
 - Article H: B. Reed, J. Michaels, M. Sheedy
 - Article I: Petition, the By-Law Committee is meeting before Town Meeting
 - Article J: Easement, Porch
 - Article K: Chapter 40
 - Article L: H. Lilja and M. Sheedy
 - Article M: H. Lilja and M. Sheedy

Signs that include
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alcohol Regulations
on Advertising.

- Signs that include “Bar” and “Tavern” as they relate to the Alcohol Regulations on Advertising. Can’t advertise for particular kinds of alcohol or a name of a drink. Alcohol can’t be visible from the street. Selectmen Murphy read “there shall be no commercial products displays and/or signs which advertise the sale of alcohol beverages on the exterior of the licensed premises. Any commercial products, displays and/or signs inside the licensed premises that are visible from the exterior of said premises are also prohibited”. They can call themselves a tavern, but maybe not a bar. Selectperson Campbell said he doesn’t personally have an issue with it, but it it’s a policy or a by-law, it needs to be followed. We’ll revisit this under “definitions”.

9:15 Selectperson Campbell moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy,
Vote: 4-0.

Items signed:

Warrant: 9/8, Payroll \$657,300.57, expense \$522,470.71
Herman Lilja, Spiran Lodge, Entertainment License
Sandy Bay Yacht Club, License